

REMARKS:

- 1) This is a Statement of Substance of Interview. On March 26, 2008 the Examiner initiated a Telephone Interview to make a Species Election Requirement between Species I corresponding to Figs. 4 and 7, and Species II corresponding to Figs. 5 and 6. In a further Telephone Interview on April 3 and 7, 2008, the undersigned attorney elected Species I corresponding to Figs. 4 and 7, and traversed the Election Requirement in that there seems to be overlap between the species, and in view of the written description all claims could read on the elected species either directly or generically. The Examiner apparently reconsidered and withdrew that Telephone Election Requirement, because thereafter a new revised Species Election Requirement was issued in the written Office Action on May 12, 2008.
- 2) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, please indicate the acceptance of the drawings filed December 6, 2005.
- 3) Referring to item 12) of the Office Action Summary, please acknowledge the foreign priority claim and receipt of the foreign priority document through the PCT processing of this PCT National Phase Application.
- 4) The Examiner's attention is directed to applicant's first Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that was filed on December 6, 2005, and applicant's second IDS being filed together with this Response. Please consider the cited references, and return

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initialed, signed and dated acknowledgment copies of the IDS Forms PTO-1449 of December 6, 2005 and June 11, 2008.

- 5) In response to the new Species Election Requirement set forth in the Office Action of May 12, 2008, applicant hereby elects Species I relating to Fig. 4.
- 6) The claims reading on the elected Species I are at least claims 1, 2 and 29 to 37. Of those, claims 1, 2 and 29 to 31 are generic to all three of the identified species, and claims 32 to 37 are specifically directed to the elected Species I relating to Fig. 4.
- 7) The Species Election Requirement is respectfully traversed, because claim 38, while using different terminology and parenthetical reference numbers, can be said to read on the embodiment of Fig. 4. When interpreting the claims, the parenthetical reference numbers shall be ignored, so that "box elements (154)" recited in claim 38 also reads on the "torsion boxes (53)" in the embodiment as shown in Fig. 4 and recited in claim 32. The other recited features of claim 38 are also overlapping with features of Fig. 4. While claim 38 does not recite the presence of a spar (52) forming a vertical wall, such a spar is also not excluded by claim 38. Only claims 39, 46 and 47 do not read on the elected Species I relating to Fig. 4. Claims 51 to 54 are directed to Figs. 9 and 10 and are thus generic with respect to the identified Species I, II or III.

Thus, based on this traversal, claims 1, 2, 29 to 38, 40 to 45 and 48 to 54 read on the elected species.

- 8) The Examiner's proposed allocation of claims to species is further traversed because claims 38 to 45 read on both Species II and III (see specification page 9 line 14 to page 10 line 21), contrary to the Examiner's allocation.
- 9) Since at least claims 1, 2 and 29 to 31 are generic to all species, and any non-elected claims depend from generic claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin, consider and allow such non-elected dependent claims if a generic main claim is ultimately found allowable.
- 10) Favorable consideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1, 2 and 29 to 54, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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